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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 2606

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SUBJ: ANTI-EMIGRATION CAMPAING TAPERS OFF  
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SUMMARY: ANTI-EMIGRATION AND ANTI-WESTERN CAMPAIGN HAS TAPERED OFF  
TO RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. PRESS ATTACHE, IN  
MEETING WITH SENIOR EDITOR, RECEIVED EXPLANATION PUTTING CAMPAIGN INT  
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PRE-BELGRADE CONTEST.

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1. THERE IS A NOTICEABLE DECLINE IN APRIL 7 NEWSPAPERS AND  
MEDIA EMPHASIS ON EMIGRATION AND GENERAL EVILS OF WESTERN  
SOCIETY, ALTHOUGH MAJOR, IF SLIGHTLY LESS OFFENSIVE, ARTICLES  
APPEAR ON GERMAN EMIGRATION ("AGAINST THE SPIRIT OF HELSINKI"),  
NEO-FASCISM, AND THE GENERALLY POSITIVE FEATURE OF  
ROMANIAN SOCIETY. APRIL 7 LUMEA HAS SHORT ARTICLE  
EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT AND SURPRISE AT INCREASE IN

BUDGETS FOR RFE AND RL. EVENING OF APRIL 6, TV BROADCAST RUSSIAN FILM AS PROGRAMMED, DESPITE RUMORS EARLIER IN DAY SUGGESTING THAT IT WOULD BE CANCELLED AT LAST MINUTE AND ANOTHER AMERICAN FILM DEPICTING U.S. SOCIAL PROBLEMS WOULD BE SUBSTITUTED. RADIO BUCHAREST (APRIL 7) BROADCAST A SERIES OF EDITORIALS BY PROMINENT MEMBERS OF CREATIVE ARTS UNIONS (PLASTIC ARTISTS, COMPOSERS, ETC.) ATTACKING WESTERN ARTS, ESPECIALLY AMERICAN ARTS AS "DECADENT" - EMPHASIZING NOTHING, UNDIRECTED, OFTEN PRONOGRAPHIC AND WITHOUT SOCIAL PURPOSE.

2. JUDGING FROM THE APRIL 8 NEWSPAPERS THE MEDIA CAMPAIGN HAS SEEMINGLY ENDED FOR THE TIME BEING. IN FACT THE ONLY ARTICLE ABOUT THE UNITED STATES IS ONE WITH LARGE HEADLINES ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE DAILIES ABOUT THE CONGRESS HAVING APPROVED AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR DOLLARS 20 MILLION FOR ROMANIAN AID. SEVERAL OF THE WEEKLIES DO CARRY ARTICLES ON NEO-FASCISM IN THE WEST AND ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMANISM AND FALSE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS, BUT THESE SEEM TO ALMOST BE THEIR OBLIGATORY (IF SOMEWHAT BELATED) ARTICLES SO THAT THEY TOO WILL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS MANDATORY CAMPAIGN. C ONTEMPORANUL (APRIL 8) IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED "HYENAS AMONG THE RUNIS" CRITICIZES QUITE VIGOROUSLY FOREIGN JOURNALISTS FOR THEIR RECENT REPORTS OF ROMANIAN EVENTS.

3. IN MEETING APRIL 7 WITH FOREIGN EDITOR ROMULUS CEPLESCU OF SCINTEIA EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT THIS "CAMPAIGN" SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE BELGRADE CSCE CONFERENCE (COMMENT: CAPLESCU OBJECTED TO THE USE OF THE WORD "CAMPAIGN", BUT GRUDGINGLY ADMITTED THAT HE WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT FIND A BETTER ONE TO DESCRIBE RECENT EVENTS). IT IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME "TO CLEAR THE AIR" SO AS TO MAKE THE BELGRADE MEETING A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ONE THAN WAS THE CASE AT HELSINKI WHERE "35 HORSES WERE PULLING IN 35 DIRECTIONS". HE EMPHASIZED THAT WE SHOULD NOT MISINTERPRET THE RECENT RASH OF ARTICLES AS AN ATTACK ON THE U.S. OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT, BUT RATHER THE ROMANIAN RESPONSE TO A PERCEIVED THREAT BY CERTAIN GROUPS IN THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES, MOST NOTABLY WEST GERMANY, WHICH WOULD INFLUENCE WESTERN GOVERNMENTS INTO A POSITION AT BELGRADE WHICH WOULD BE ANTI-ROMANIAN. TO ACCENT THAT THIS IS NOT ANTI-U.S. GOVERNMENT, CAPLESCU POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU HAD MADE AN UNVEILED ALLUSION TO HIS DESIRE TO CONTINUE "HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES" WITH THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP. ALSO SCINTEIA'S DEPUTY FOREIGN EDITOR WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE U.S. AS AN IVP GRANTEE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. (COMMENT: WHILE IT IS BASICALLY CORRECT THERE ALSO APPEARED THE PHRASE "CERTAIN LEADERS" IN SEVERAL ARTICLES AND ONE REFERNECE TO "A SOUTHERN DRAWL") ROMANIA, ACCORDING TO CAPLESCU, STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE HUMAN RIGHTS POSITIONS OF BASKET III OF CSCE, HAVING

BEEN A MAJOR DRAFTER OF THEM, BUT WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT. THE SPECIFIC ATTACKS ON ASPECTS OF AMERICAN LIFE (UNEMPLOYMENT, CRIME, DRUG ADDICTION, ETC.) IS INTENDED AS TIT-FOR-TAT RESPONSE FOR ATTACKS ON CERTAIN HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN ROMANIA "FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES". CAPLESCU ADMITTED THAT THIS IMPLIED ROMANIAN RECOGNITION OF WIDE LISTENERSHIP TO RFE AND OTHER RADIO STATIONS. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS OF ITS CITIZENS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. IN REGARD TO THE EMIGRATION OF "GERMAN-SPEAKING ROMANIANS", AGAIN THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, BUT IT WOULD BE AS ABSURD FOR THE 300,000 SUCH ROMANIAN CITIZENS WHOSE ANCESTORS HAVE LIVED IN ROMANIA FOR SOME 800 YEARS TO EMIGRATE, AS IT WOULD BE FOR BLACK AMERICANS TO RETURN TO AFRICA, EVEN FOLLOWING THE "ROOTS PHENOMENON" IN THE U.S. TODAY. CAPELESCU CONCLUDED WITH A STATEMENT THAT GENUINE EUROPEAN SECURITY WAS "ABSOLUTELY VITAL, AND I CHOOSE CONFIDENTIAL

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THE WORD VITAL ON PURPOSE" TO ROMANIA, AND IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT ROMANIA WOULD APPROACH THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

4. FRG AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 7 THAT HE WAS NOT YET CONCERNED ABOUT ANTI-EMIGRATION CAMPAIGN IN LIGHT OF LAST WEEK'S FORMAL ASSURANCES IN BONN BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA THAT GOR WOULD CONTINUE TO GRANT EXIT VISAS FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION.  
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